

In the Claims:

1. (currently amended) ~~[[A]] An aircraft comprising a guard~~  
hose arrangement for protecting insulated electrical  
conductors ~~for installation in a vehicle such as an~~  
installed in said aircraft, said guard hose arrangement  
comprising a plurality of guard hoses ~~(1, 2...n)~~, each  
guard hose having an inner diameter for receiving at least  
one of said insulated electrical conductors, each guard  
hose ~~of said plurality of guard hoses~~ comprising an  
outwardly facing first contour, ~~and said guard hose~~  
arrangement further comprising at least one spacer (5)  
positioned between two neighboring guard hoses of said  
plurality of guard hoses, said at least one spacer having  
~~[[a]] two second contour opposite contours~~, each second  
contour matching one of said first contour of said two  
neighboring guard hoses for spacing said plurality of guard  
hoses from one another. ~~another and wherein each of said~~  
second contours contacts a circumferential portion of a  
respective first contour to thereby partly encircle said  
respective first contour.

2. (currently amended) The ~~guard hose arrangement aircraft~~ of  
claim 1, comprising a first number ~~[[n]]~~ of guard hoses,  
and a second number ~~[[n-1]]~~ of spacers arranged between  
neighboring guard hoses, and wherein each of said spacers  
is positioned along a straight length of two neighboring  
guard hoses.

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1 3. (~~withdrawn - currently amended~~) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~  
2 aircraft of claim 1, comprising several spacers arranged in  
3 a row between two neighboring guard hoses of said plurality  
4 of guard hoses, and spaces (S) between neighboring spacers  
5 in said row.

1 4. (~~currently amended~~) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~ aircraft of  
2 claim 1, wherein said at least one spacer has top first and  
3 bottom second surfaces opposite each other ~~other~~, said  
4 first and second surfaces forming a first pair of surfaces,  
5 said at least one spacer further comprising third and  
6 fourth and side surfaces also opposite each other and  
7 forming a in first and second pairs pair of surfaces, each  
8 side surface of [[a]] at least one pair of said side first  
9 and second pairs of surfaces having one of said two second  
10 opposite contours contour matching a circumferential  
11 portion of said first contour of a respective guard hose.

1 5. (~~currently amended~~) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~ aircraft of  
2 claim 4, wherein said first contour is convex and wherein  
3 said two second opposite contours are ~~contour is~~ concave so  
4 that ~~said convex first contour partly encircles said convex~~  
5 ~~second contour~~.

1 6. (~~currently amended~~) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~ aircraft of  
2 claim 4, wherein ~~each of~~ said side first and second  
3 surfaces has the same length or different length, whereby

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4 ~~said top and bottom surfaces~~ are squares or rectangles  
5 quadrangles and the ~~side~~ wherein said third and fourth  
6 surfaces are rectangles.

1 7. (currently amended) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~ aircraft of  
2 claim 4, wherein said side first and second surfaces  
3 forming said first pair ~~have the same length, and wherein~~  
4 are larger than said side third and fourth surfaces forming  
5 said second pair ~~have a length longer or shorter than said~~  
6 ~~same length, and wherein the said second opposite~~ contours  
7 are provided at least on [[in]] said ~~squares or quadrangles~~  
8 first and second surfaces.

1 8. (withdrawn - currently amended) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~  
2 aircraft of claim 4, wherein said spacer has a V-  
3 sectional or U-sectional configuration.

1 9. (withdrawn - currently amended) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~  
2 aircraft of claim 8, wherein said V-sectional or U-  
3 sectional configuration has legs of equal length.

1 10. (withdrawn - currently amended) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~  
2 aircraft of claim 8, wherein said V-sectional or U-  
3 sectional configuration has legs of unequal length.

1 11. (withdrawn - currently amended) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~  
2 aircraft of claim 4, wherein said spacer has a V-sectional

3 configuration with two legs enclosing an angle ( $\alpha$ ) between  
4 said two legs.

1 12. (withdrawn - currently amended) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~  
2 aircraft of claim 11, wherein said angle ( $\alpha$ ) is within the  
3 range of 45° to 90°.

1 13. (withdrawn - currently amended) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~  
2 aircraft of claim 4, wherein said spacer has a U-sectional  
3 configuration with two legs interconnected by a ~~land~~  
4 connector section (L), each leg enclosing with said land an  
5 angle ( $\beta$ ).

1 14. (withdrawn - currently amended) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~  
2 aircraft of claim 13, wherein said angle ( $\beta$ ) is up to  
3 ~~[[120°]]~~ 150°.

1 15. (withdrawn - currently amended) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~  
2 aircraft of claim 1, wherein said at least one spacer has  
3 at least one through-hole.

1 16. (withdrawn - currently amended) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~  
2 aircraft of claim 1, wherein a first and last guard hose of  
3 said plurality of guard hoses has an outwardly positioned  
4 surface portion facing away from said at least one spacer,  
5 said guard hose arrangement further comprising a protective  
6 covering on said surface portion facing away from said at  
7 least one spacer.

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1 17. (withdrawn - currently amended) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~  
2 aircraft of claim 16, wherein said protective covering is  
3 a metal foil or fabric adhesively bonded to said surface  
4 portion facing away from said at least one spacer.

1 18. (withdrawn - currently amended) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~  
2 aircraft of claim 16, wherein said covering is a coating  
3 comprising metal particles forming a screen against  
4 electromagnetic adverse influences.

1 19. (withdrawn - currently amended) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~  
2 aircraft of claim 1, wherein at least one guard hose of  
3 said plurality of guard hoses comprises at least one  
4 protective ridge (11) extending externally and helically  
5 around along said at least one guard hose.

1 20. (currently amended) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~ aircraft of  
2 claim 1, wherein said plurality of guard hoses and said at  
3 least one spacer are formed as one integral component.

1 21. (currently amended) The ~~guard hose arrangement~~ aircraft of  
2 claim 1, wherein said guard hoses and said spacer or  
3 spacers are interconnected at a junction (6, 7) by any one  
4 of adhesive bonding, welding, and tongue and groove  
connections.